



GENEALOGY & LOCAL HISTORY NEWS

AT THE ROUND ROCK PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

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NEWS FROM THE ROUND ROCK PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

New Shelf Arrangement for Texana and Genealogy Collection

The library has rearranged the Texana and Genealogy Collection on the second floor of the Griffith Library. The Genealogy Collection has been expanded to relieve some overcrowding, and it has absorbed some materials from the Texana collection. Those Texana materials, which include books with primary source material on the history of Texas and Texas families, are currently in cataloging status. They will be moved into the Genealogy Collection as soon as possible.

New shelf labels will be going up soon to help you find the materials you would like to use. In the meantime, if you need any help locating an item, please ask one of the librarians at the Reference Desk.

Report on Lock-In

About 18 people, many of whom were new to the library, attended the library's Genealogy Lock-In held on October 21st. They were very happy to have an opportunity to explore the library's resources on a Friday evening. Special thanks go to Linda Beebe from the Williamson County Genealogical Society and to Ping Liu, David Wongwai, and Virginia Hadley from the Round Rock Public Library, who all helped to make the event a success.

New Exhibit from the Texas State Library

The Texas State Library and Archives Commission (TSLAC) has launched a new online exhibit, "Triumph and Tragedy: Presidents of the Republic of Texas." The unique exhibit contains more than 50 documents from the collections of the Texas State Archives, plus rare photographs and supplementary materials, including the signatures of each president and timelines showing the significant events of his life and times. The exhibit is featured on the state library's Web site, <http://www.tsl.state.tx.us/exhibits/presidents>.

CALENDAR OF CLASSES AND EVENTS

November 2005

Weds., Nov. 2 6:30-8:30 p.m. *Library Training Room*
Genealogy Series I: Lineage-Linked Databases

Friday., Nov. 4 1-3 p.m. *Library Training Room*
Advanced Genealogy Research: Immigration and Naturalization records. We will explore the variety of immigration and naturalization records available, using resources from the National Archives, Ellis Island and Castle Garden, Ancestry Library Edition, and other available databases.

Weds., Nov. 9 6:30-8:30 p.m. *Library Training Room*
Genealogy Series II: Books and Periodical Databases

Weds., Nov. 16 6:30-8:30 p.m. *Library Training Room*
Genealogy Series III: Online Census Research

Friday., Nov. 18 1-3 p.m. *Library Training Room*
Advanced Genealogy Research: Military Records.
Military records are a useful adjunct to genealogical research. We will explore both pension files, such as those available in Heritage Quest Online, and service records for the United States military.

Weds., Nov. 30 6:30-8:30 p.m. *Library Training Room*
Genealogy Series IV: Vital Records Online

December 2005

No classes scheduled for December. For information about upcoming classes, contact the Reference Desk at 218-7000.

GENEALOGY QUOTE

"There is no king who has not had a slave among his ancestors, and no slave who has not had a king among his."

— Helen Keller

GENEALOGY NEWS AND EVENTS

AGS Trip to Allen County Public Library

The Austin Genealogical Society is planning a trip to visit the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana, from May 30-April 6, 2006. For more details about the trip, contact Pat Oxley at pat@theoxleys.com.

Traces and Trails of Genealogy of the Southwest

The History Section of the Reference and User Services Association (RUSA) is hosting an institute, "Traces and Trails of Genealogy of the Southwest," on Friday, January 20, 2006, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., during the American Library Association (ALA) Midwinter Meeting in San Antonio. This institute is for librarians new to the area of ancestry research and for experienced genealogists. During this event attendees will explore famous traces and trails that crisscrossed the Southwest at this institute being held at The Alamo, San Antonio's most well-known landmark; delve in to the history of the Cherokee Trail, Natchez Trace, Trail of Tears, stagecoach routes and more; and learn about ancestry research as experts discuss the traces and trails and emigrant routes and patterns that led to the expansion of the West. Attendees will also receive a tour of the archives and special collections of The Alamo.

Speakers: Jerry Drake, Director, Archives and Records, Texas General Land Office; Scott McEathron, Scott McEathron, Map Librarian, Anschutz Library, University of Kansas at Lawrence; Janice Schultz, Genealogy Librarian, Mid-Continent Public Library, Independence (Missouri); Patti Williams, Instructor, School of Applied Science, Tyler Junior College (Texas).

Registration fees: ALA Member \$140; Non-Member \$215. For more information on the institute please visit www.ala.org/ala/rusa/rusaevents/rusamw/premidwinterinstitutes/pmwinstitutes.htm.

Family History Archive Opens at BYU

The Brigham Young University's Harold B. Lee Library has announced the availability of a new collection of digitized family history books in their Family History Archives. The collection was established to provide genealogical researchers throughout the world with access to a rich repository of histories created by families to record and celebrate the lives of their ancestors. The repository is hosted by the libraries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and currently contains over 4,000 books, all fully-indexed and digitized. You can access this collection at <http://www.lib.byu.edu/fhc/>

WCGS NEWS

Upcoming Meetings

The Williamson County Genealogical Society usually meets at 7:30 p.m. on the 2nd Thursday of every month except August and December. Upcoming meetings and topics include:

- November 10 – "Genealogy Software Round-Up 2005" presented by Danielle Cunniff Plumer, Round Rock Public Library. She will review the genealogy software products that have been updated in recent months, including FTM, Legacy, RootsMagic, and discuss where genealogy software is heading, particularly in terms of research support and putting information online
- December. No meeting.

For more information about WCGS, check the Society's website at <http://www.rootsweb.com/~txwcgs/WCGS.html>

LOCAL HISTORY NEWS AND EVENTS

Williamson County Historical Museum

The Williamson County Historical Museum is reaching out to local school children, home school groups, Boy and Girl Scout troops and others to help today's youth better understand how their great-grandparents lives in Williamson County differed from today. The museum offers tours by appointment with lengths starting at 30 minutes depending on children's age level. Tours topics include county history, county geography, cowboys, communities, architecture and downtown square tour, archeology and an historic bank tour. There is no charge for the tours, and admission to the museum is always free.

For those who cannot travel to the museum, the museum will come to you with traveling trunks. Two different traveling trunk tours are offered focusing on cowboy culture and pioneer life. "The museum's goal is to have every school child in the county come through our doors at one point during their school career," states Chris Dyer, director of the Williamson County Historical Museum. "We want children to have an appreciation of their county history because it helps build a community identity. If you identify with where you live, you take better care of it and are more concerned with what happens around you."

The museum is located at 716 South Austin Avenue in Georgetown. It is open Wednesday through Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. or by appointment. For more information, call 512-943-1670 or visit their website at www.wchm-tx.org or e-mail chrisdyer@wchm-tx.org

COLLECTION SPOTLIGHT

Recent Additions

The Round Rock Public Library and the Williamson County Genealogical Society have added many new items to the collection in the past few months. We are particularly grateful to those individuals who have donated items to the collection.

General Research

Carmack, Sharon DeBartolo and Erin Nevius, eds. *The Family Tree resource book for genealogists*. Family Tree Books, 2004.
GEN 929.10720973 FAM

Harris, Maurine. *Ancestry's concise genealogical dictionary*. Ancestry Publishing, 1989.
GEN 929.103 HAR

Hoff, Henry B., ed. *Genealogical writing in the 21st century: a guide to Register style and more*. New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2002.
GEN 808.066929.

Rose, James M. *Black genesis: a resource book for African-American genealogy*. Genealogical Pub. Co., 2003.
GEN 929.108996073 ROS

Texas Research

Benavides, Adan, Jr., ed. *The B  xar Archives, 1717-1836: a name guide*. University of Texas Press 1989.
GEN 976.4 UNI

Brewer, John Mason. *Negro legislators of Texas and their descendants: a history of the Negro in Texas politics from reconstruction to disfranchisement*. Mathis Publishing Co. [UMI/Books on Demand], 1935.
GEN 976.4 BRE

Davis, Kathryn Hooper. *Texas mortality schedules, 1850-1860*. Ericson Books, n.d.
GEN 976.4 DAV

Ericson, Carolyn Reeves and Joe E. Ericson. *A guide to Texas research*. Ericson Books, 1994.
GEN 929.10720764 ERI

History of Texas supplemented with biographical mention of many prominent persons and families of the state. Lewis Publishing Co. [UMI/Books on Demand], 1896.
GEN 976.4 HIS

Huttash, Ogretta W. *Probate records of Cherokee County, Texas, 1846 - ca.1875: (Minute Books A-I through N)*. O. W. Huttash, 1998 **.
GEN 976.4183 HUT

Huttash, Ogretta W. *Probate records of Cherokee County, Texas, minute book A, 1870 - 1881, and Docket A and Docket B, 1867-1887*. O. W. Huttash, 2004 **.
GEN 976.4183 HUT

Ingmire, Frances Terry. *Caldwell, Callahan & Cameron County, Texas land titles*. Mountain Press, 1980 **.
GEN 976.433 ING

Ingmire, Frances Terry. *Calhoun County, Texas & Blanco County, Texas land titles*. Mountain Press, 1980 **.
GEN 976.4121 ING

Jones, Anson. *Memoranda and official correspondence relating to the Republic of Texas, its history and annexation including a brief autobiography of the author*. D. Appleton and Co. [UMI/Books on Demand] 1859.
GEN 976.404 JON

McInnis, Kathryn Cage. *Solid lace and tucks: memories of a girlhood in the Texas hill country, 1892-1918*. Vantage Press, 1983.
GEN 929.209764 MCINNIS

McLean, Malcolm Dallas. *Papers concerning Robertson's Colony in Texas*. UTA Press, 1974-1993.
GEN 976.403 MCL

Morris, Mrs. Harry Joseph, ed. *Citizens of the Republic of Texas*. Texas State Genealogical Society, 1977.
GEN 976.4 CIT

National Society of the Colonial Dames of America. *A Texas collection: portraits before 1882*. Historical Activities Committee of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America, 1977 *.
GEN 757.09764 NAT

Paddock, B. B. *A history of central and western Texas*. Lewis Publishing Co. [UMI/Books on Demand], 1911.
GEN 976.4 PAD

Pylant, James, ed. *Genealogies of Texas families: biographical notes of pioneer settlers*. Datatrace Systems, 1989 **.
GEN 976.4.

University of Texas Institute for Texas Cultures. *Residents of Texas, 1782-1836*. Ericson Books, 1984.
GEN 976.4 RES

White, Gifford E. *1840 citizens of Texas*. Ericson Books, 1983-1988.
GEN 976.4 WHI

White, Gifford E. *First settlers of Bastrop and Travis Counties, Texas: from the originals in the General Land Office*. G. White ; Distributed by Ingmire Publications], 1984.
GEN 976.43 WHI

Williams, Villamae, ed. *Stephen F. Austin's register of families: from the originals in the General Land Office, Austin, Texas*. Genealogical Pub. Co., 1984.
GEN 976.4 AUS

Historical Collection

Point, Michael. *A season of celebration: Round Rock Express inaugural season*. Round Rock Express Baseball, 2001.
HIST 976.4289 POI

Auxiliary, Round Rock Community Hospital. *Our favorite recipes*. Fundcraft Publishing, 1984.
HIST 641.59764 OUR

Map Collection

Texas General Land Office. *Williamson County*, January 1856

Texas General Land Office. *Williamson County*, 1863

Texas General Land Office. *Williamson County*, July 1888.

Texas General Land Office. *Williamson County*, November 1880

Walter Rowntree, County Surveyor. *Williamson County*, June 1915/ 1919*

United States Geological Survey. *Round Rock, Tex.* 1928.*

United States Geological Survey. *Round Rock, Tex.* 1951. (digital only)*

United States Geological Survey. *Round Rock, Tex.* 1982. (digital only)*

United States Geological Survey. *Round Rock, Tex.* 1987.*

United States Geological Survey. *Pflugerville West, Tex.* 1987.*

*Donated

**Purchased by WCGS

Too Many Books?

Consider the genealogy & local history collection when culling through your personal collection of genealogical materials. Mark your items for the genealogy collection and give to either the library or the Williamson County Genealogical Society. Items donated will help many others and are tax-deductible.

Also, consider placing a copy (paper or digital) of your historic Round Rock photographs and documents in the library's local history collection. Contact either Danielle Plumer at 512-218-7018 or dplumer@round-rock.tx.us or Linda Beebe from the Williamson County Genealogical Society at LindaBeebe@prodigy.net.

The Genealogy Collection

The genealogy collection at the Round Rock Public Library System continues to grow with materials added by both the library and the Williamson County Genealogical Society. There have also been many recent donations of materials including books, CDs, and genealogy periodicals.

The collection is located on the 2nd floor of the Robert G and Helen Griffith Public Library located at 216 East Main, Round Rock, and is available for use anytime the library is open. There are some helpful binders on top of the microfilm

cabinets that contain listings of all materials in the collection. Come by and see what is available.

The library's genealogy website is <http://www.ci.round-rock.tx.us/library/genealogy.html>. Look on the website for current events in genealogy, the latest acquisitions to the collection, genealogical Internet links, as well as a listing of CDs, microfilm, and periodicals in the collection.

The Genealogy & Local History Librarian is Danielle Cunniff Plumer. Her usual hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday afternoons from 2-4 p.m. and Thursday evening from 7-9 p.m. Look for her at the reference desk on the 2nd floor of the library. To contact Danielle, call her at 512-218-7006 or email her at dplumer@round-rock.tx.us.

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